



# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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**"I have not yet begun to fight!"**



## ISRAEL'S DEAL WITH CHINA UNDER PRESSURE

*By Associated Press*

Under U.S. pressure to cancel a lucrative arms deal with China, Israel welcomed Chinese President Jiang Zemin on a historic visit to the Jewish state. The visit cemented ties first forged in secret nearly two decades ago.

The high-profile recognition of Israel by one of the world's major powers was seen as strong proof here that the days of diplomatic isolation are over for good. However, the new status also brought new problems for Israel, such as juggling the divergent interests of its strongest ally and a powerful new friend.

Barak welcomed Ziang less than 24 hours after meeting at the White House with U.S. President Bill Clinton. Mr. Clinton urged the Israeli leader to cancel the planned sale of a sophisticated airborne surveillance system to China. Clinton expressed deep displeasure and warned that the deal, potentially worth \$2 billion, could undermine Israel's standing in the United States, said an Israeli official who attended Tuesday's White House summit. Danny Yatom, Barak's top policy adviser, said the U.S. Congress was "very worried" about the sale.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, said Israel was committed to selling at least one surveillance plane to China, which reportedly has the option to order three to seven more. Israeli officials have suggested that after the first plane is sold, the deal could be frozen indefinitely to appease the United States.

## SHOWING OFF THE SHIP



*Quatermaster Third Class Brian Pohlmeyer pauses to answer a question while conducting a tour yesterday of 60 U.S. Embassy staff and their families who visited USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6). The group was one of a number of V.I.P visits scheduled throughout the month of April. (Photo by PH3 Daniel Jones.)*

## N ATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### ELIAN TO BE RETURNED TO FATHER

*By David Johnston*

The relatives of Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy at the center of an international custody battle, decided to turn him over to his father on Wednesday at a meeting here, government officials said.

In frantic last-minute negotiations, as the Justice Department prepared to order the transfer on Thursday morning, representatives of the Miami relatives and Juan Miguel Gonzalez, Elian's father, agreed to a meeting in the Washington, D.C., area, the officials said.

Elian will be accompanied by his great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, who has temporary custody of the child, and Gonzalez's 21-year-old daughter, Maris-leysis Gonzalez. Until Tuesday, the family had sought a meeting with the boy's father, but had demanded that the discussion occur in Florida. The meeting, if it takes place as planned, would end the lengthy custody battle with a peaceful transfer that Attorney General

Janet Reno had struggled to piece together. Justice Department officials have expressed satisfaction that the end seemed to be in sight.

### LABOR UNIONS TO JOIN PROTEST

*By New York Times*

U.S. labor unions, convinced that the world economy is destroying good jobs faster than it creates them, are descending on Washington to mount demonstrations against a China trade bill and to lend support to students, environmentalists and religious groups protesting globalization. Labor has hardened its opposition to liberalized trade and all but severed ties with the Clinton administration, which it once strongly supported.

## STOCK MARKET

DOW	11,125.13	DOWN	161.95
NASDAQ	3,769.63	DOWN	286.27
S&P 500	1,467.17	DOWN	33.42
NYSE	654.25	DOWN	6.95

## BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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### \*FRIDAY'S STE TV SCHEDULE\*

#### CHANNEL 2

1000 THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES  
1220 STAR TREK: INSURRECTION  
1400 ROSEWOOD  
1630 THE TRUMAN SHOW  
1830 THE BORROWERS  
2000 BINGO  
2200 THE BREAKFAST CLUB

#### CHANNEL 6

1000 HOPE FLOATS  
1200 THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER  
1400 EYES WIDE SHUT  
1630 SPIES LIKE US  
1830 MONEY KINGS  
2000 ANALYZE THIS  
2200 JACKIE BROWN

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### CONGRESS TIGHTENS RULES FOR SEIZING ASSETS

*By Stephen Labaton*

After years of complaints about abusive government conduct, Congress completed legislation that would make it harder for the federal government to confiscate property from people before it actually brings charges in criminal cases.

Administration officials said President Clinton would sign the legislation. The legislation adds significant safeguards that will make it more difficult for prosecutors to seize homes, money, cars, boats and other property before trials begin.

Courts have criticized the current law, saying it had allowed prosecutors to confiscate the assets of innocent people. Congressional hearings documented instances in which people were required to engage in onerous litigation to try to win back property that was never part of a criminal scheme. Under the existing law, once the government can show probable cause that property is subject to civil forfeiture, the onus shifts to the owner to establish that the property is "innocent."

Last year, nearly \$500 million worth of property was confiscated. Under the new legislation, the government can confiscate property only if it shows there is a substantial connection between the property and the crime "by a preponderance of the evidence," a higher burden of proof.

The new legislation awards lawyers' fees to owners who overturn seizures and, in some cases, provides lawyers to indigent property owners. The legislation also

sets up a new procedure for courts to enforce the judgments of foreign nations. It gives the government greater access to financial records in cases where the assets may be held in secret accounts overseas.

### COMPUTER MALFUNCTION STILL CRIPPLES SPY PHOTO OPERATIONS

*By James Risen*

The U.S. government's ability to keep track of looming international threats was drastically curtailed last year because of a prolonged computer breakdown at the Pentagon agency that collects and analyzes photographs from spy satellites, federal intelligence officials said. The computer malfunction was so bad in August that U.S. intelligence agencies were left nearly blind for a few days, unable to rely on photographs from any spy satellites for use in a wide range of intelligence operations, officials added.

The computer crisis, at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, began in early August and continued for about a month, and was far more serious than the brief, previously disclosed Year 2000-related problems in intelligence systems that occurred over the New Year's holiday, officials said. It came as the mapping agency was installing a new system, which caused the breakdown. Some critics have said the new system may have been inadequately tested. After months of work, the problem has largely been solved, although some officials said the system still did not work as it should.

## **PADRES TO MARCH OUT WITH G.I. JOE LOOK**

*By Bernie Wilson*

It'll be the day that GI Joe meets Abner Doubleday. Tony Gwynn and Trevor Hoffman will look like they've enlisted. Ryan Klesko will be totally in his element.

Some skeptics might think the Padres will be hiding from someone when they take the field on Thursday afternoon dressed in camouflage jerseys, white pants and green caps with a khaki interlocking SD.

Short of driving tanks onto the field, it's the team's way of saluting the huge concentration of sailors and troops at numerous Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the county.

"I love it, obviously because I'm in camo probably every day in the offseason," said Klesko, the Padres' new first baseman.

Klesko loves the outdoors and used to ride along with SWAT teams.

"I think it's going to be interesting," he said. "It shows appreciation for those guys. They come out here a lot. They do a good job. I think it's cool of the Padres to do that."

The Padres like to be the first to try different marketing ideas, playing in Mexico, having Garth Brooks at spring training, being sponsored by an Indian tribe, and putting their players in camo for That's being called military opening day appears to be another big league first.

That's OK with longtime Padres broadcaster Jerry Coleman, who twice interrupted his career with the New York Yankees to fly as a Marine pilot in World War II and Korea.

"I can say this again and again, anytime you honor the military, it's all right with me," Coleman said.

The Padres will also announce that they'll give lifetime passes to regular-season games for prisoners of war from World War II and Korea who live in Southern California, and that they're starting a season-long fund raising campaign for the proposed World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.

"We Vietnam POWs, the Gulf War POWs, the Iranian hostages and the Pueblo hostages were all awarded lifetime passes by major league baseball when we got back," said Jack Enschede, a retired Navy captain and director of the Padres' military marketing. "Two groups, World War II and Korea, were never afforded that opportunity or courtesy by major league baseball."

The Padres ran that idea past the commissioner's office and were told it would be impossible to do nationally, but if they wanted to, they could.

"We're unique in baseball in that we're located in the market where the largest concentration of Navy and Marine Corps in the entire world are located," Enschede said.

As far as putting the players in camouflage, "Somebody called us the team of the Navy and Marine Corps, unofficially, because of all the stuff that we do, so that sounded like kind of a neat idea," said Enschede. Enschede was shot down over North Vietnam in 1972 and held prisoner for eight months.

## SPORTS

### BASEBALL SCORES:

NY Yankees	8	Chic. Cubs	11
Cleveland	5	Oakland	0
Boston	7	Minnesota	3
Seattle	4	Detroit	0
Chic. White Sox	7	Tampa Bay	1
Kansas City	7	Baltimore	6
Toronto	6	Anaheim	2
Chic. Cubs	11	Atlanta	4
Colorado	7	Cincinnati	5
Florida	11	Milwaukee	4
Philadelphia	8	NY Mets	5
Pittsburgh	6	Montreal	4
Houston	7	St. Louis	5
San Diego	4	Arizona	2
Los Angeles	3	San Francisco	2

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### SELIG'S SIGNATURE ALL OVER EARLY HOME RUN DERBY

*By Murray Chass*

In these early games of the season baseballs are flying out of stadiums so fast the statisticians have had to work overtime to keep track of the numbers.

More home runs were hit in the first week of the 2000 season than were hit in any week of any previous season, Elias Sports Bureau has determined. More home runs were hit last Friday than on any other day in major league history. The St. Louis Cardinals hit more home runs in their first seven games than any team had previously hit in its first seven games.

The Minnesota Twins hit six home runs in a game the other day. The Twins' uncharacteristic barrage produced one of 15 instances when teams hit four or more home runs in a game in the first eight days.

People are looking for reasons. Some pitchers have cited the silver ink signature of Commissioner Bud Selig on the 2000 baseballs. They say it smudges easily and gets into the seams, making it difficult to grip the balls. A few months ago the owners enhanced the powers of the commissioner. The additional potency apparently extends to the commissioner's signature.

### NBA SCORES:

Boston	95	Orlando	91
Philadelphia	93	Washington	84
Charlotte	119	Atlanta	87
Milwaukee	101	Cleveland	100
Detroit	90	Miami	73
New York	91	New Jersey	89
Indiana	77	Toronto	73
Utah	102	LA Clippers	93
Phoenix	122	Vancouver	116
Seattle	110	Minnesota	83

### NHL SCORES:

Dallas	2	Edmonton	1
Toronto	2	Ottawa	0
St. Louis	5	San Jose	3



# CHANGE TO NAVY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND COUNSELING

*By Vice Adm. N. R. Ryan*

CNP recently approved recommendations brought forward from the March 1999 performance evaluation and counseling system work group.

Effective immediately, make the following changes to Ref A, Annex A, FITREP block 42 "promotion recommendation" instructions: forced distribution for reports on all ensign and lieutenant (junior grade) limited duty officers (6xxx) is mandatory. No more than 20 percent (rounded up) of the summary group may be recommended as early promote, there are no limits on must promote.

The following changes to Ref A are in effect:

- a. NAVOP 043/95
- b. NAVADMIN 049/97
- c. NAVADMIN 175/98
- d. NAVADMIN 239/98
- e. NAVADMIN 276/98
- f. NAVADMIN 050/99

In addition to changes outlined above, several data collection initiatives were approved including:

- a. Effects of the FITREP/EVAL system on retention.
- b. Emphasis advancement system places on the promotion recommendation.
- c. Fleet impact of evaluating E7-E9 on tactical performance

Ref B, section F, contains specific guidance on Navy postal standards. Pers-311 continues to

receive incorrect address formats on summary letters for ISIC and reporting seniors. Strict adherence to Ref B is required to ensure timely notification to reporting seniors of accepted fitness reports and evaluation reports utilizing summary letters.

Timely submission of performance evaluations is critical to having complete records in front of selection boards. All reporting seniors need to make every effort to submit reports to NPC on time.

## HOIST THE FLAGS



*SMSN Samuel Guest stands ready to change the flags during a bilateral flaghoist drills yesterday between USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) and USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52). (Photo by PH3 Timothy Comerford.)*